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SUBJECT: CIEC: GROUP OF EIGHT MEETING

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1. IN ADDITION TO POSITIONS NOTED REFTTEL A, MEETING  
OF GROUP OF EIGHT ON JANUARY 15 MISSION SHOULD DRAW ON  
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2. SECRETARIAT STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS -

A. WE SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS TO RECRUIT PROFESSIONAL STAFF. IF G-8 ON JANUARY 15 CAN SELECT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, GUITTON AND TWO ASSISTANTS CAN THEN BEGIN SELECTION OF REMAINING FOUR OR FIVE PROFESSIONALS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD SEE NO NEED FOR INTERIM HIRING OF ANY STAFF. WITH RESPECT TO G-8 CHOICE OF ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, US HAS NO PARTICULAR PREFERENCE AND CAN ACCEPT ANY CANDIDATE FOR WHOM A CONSENSUS DEVELOPS.

B. WITH RESPECT TO PROFESSIONALS TO BE SELECTED AFTER ASSISTANTS TO GUITTON ARE CHOSEN, WE SEE A NEED FOR A CHIEF OF CONFERENCE SERVICES PLUS TWO TO FOUR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS. ONE POSITION WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED INFORMALLY FOR WHICH WE DO NOT SEE A NEED IS THAT OF PRESS OFFICER AND WE SHOULD RESIST THIS STRONGLY.

C. WE CONTINUE TO STRONGLY FAVOR SECONDMENT OF ALL PROFESSIONAL STAFF ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. IF NECESSARY, AFTER CHOICE OF ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES, CONFERENCE COULD ARRANGE TO AUGMENT GUITTON'S NORMAL SALARY AND ALLOWANCES TO INSURE THAT HE IS HIGHEST PAID PROFESSIONAL ON STAFF. WE PREFER NOT TO LINK SECRETARIAT TO INTERNATIONAL SCALES AND SEE NO REASON TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR GUITTON SINCE HIS SALARY ADJUSTMENT, IF NECESSARY, WOULD BE MADE ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

D. US PLANS TO PROPOSE A NAME FOR ONE OF PROFESSIONAL SLOTS BELOW ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

3. ISSUES RAISED BY AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION FOR INCLUSION ON AGENDA FOR G-8 MEETING ON JANUARY 15 -

A. OBSERVERS AT EACH COMMISSION SHOULD BE DECIDED BY EACH COMMISSION RESPECTIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 8 OF PREPCON FINAL DECLARATION.

B. WE SEE FIVE TO SIX MEMBERS AS APPROPRIATE SIZE FOR DELEGATIONS TO COMMISSIONS; TWO MEMBERS AS APPROPRIATE  
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PARTICIPATION FOR OBSERVERS AND AUDITORS IN THE COMMISSIONS.

C. WE DO NOT FORESEE NEED FOR MEETINGS OF G-8 DURING JANUARY 26 MEETING OF CO-CHAIRMEN, BUT WE WOULD FAVOR DEBRIEFING AFTERWARDS FOR EIGHT AT OECD PERMREPS LEVEL, PERHAPS BY MACLEAN.

4. GROUP OF EIGHT CAUCUS AT OFFICIAL LEVEL PRIOR TO JANUARY 26 MEETING OF CO-CHAIRMEN - IF CONSENSUS DEVELOPS FOR CAUCUS DURING WEEKEND OF JANUARY 24-25, YOU SHOULD AGREE TO MEETING OF FOUR CO-CHAIRMEN PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER FOUR EITHER AT PERMREP LEVEL OR FROM CAPITALS. (IN ANY EVENT US REPRESENTATIVE AT MEETING WILL BE CO-CHAIRMAN OF ENERGY COMMISSION).

5. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - YOU SHOULD SUPPORT MACLEAN'S SUGGESTION THAT HE AND PEREZ GUERRERO GIVE GUITTON GUIDANCE ON BUDGET AND THAT GUITTON SHOULD THEN PREPARE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW BY TWO CO-CHAIRMEN. WE WOULD THEN SEE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN AS CIRCULATING PROPOSAL TO CAPITALS SO THAT IT CAN BE APPROVED BY FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AT MEETING PREFERABLY DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2. CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING OF JANUARY 26 COULD CONSIDER BUDGET PROPOSAL IN VIEW OF PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR WORK PROGRAMS OF COMMISSIONS, BUT CO-CHAIRMEN DO NOT REPRESENT G-27 AND SHOULD NOT FORMALLY REVIEW PROPOSAL. COMMENTS ON BUDGET PROPOSAL BY CO-CHAIRMEN AT JANUARY 26 MEETING COULD BE INCORPORATED BY MACLEAN AND PEREZ-GUERRERO BEFORE THEY FORWARD PROPOSAL TO FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. GROUP OF EIGHT AT PERM-REP LEVEL COULD MEET AFTER JANUARY 26 MEETING BUT PRIOR TO FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE POSITION OF EIGHT ON BUDGET PROPOSAL.

6. CAUCUS OF DC MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 11 - WE SEE MEETING OF DC PARTICIPANTS IN COMMISSIONS JUST PRIOR TO THEIR INITIAL MEETING AS USEFUL. HOWEVER, BASIC ISSUES INCLUDING HOW AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAM QUESTIONS ARE TO BE HANDLED IN EARLY COMMISSION SESSIONS MUST BE ADDRESSED IN APPROPRIATE OECD BACKSTOP-CONFIDENTIAL

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PING GROUPS. IEA AND TWP ALREADY SCHEDULED MEET PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 11; AD HOC GROUP ON N/S ISSUES IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET AND WE EXPECT TO PROPOSE AN AD HOC GROUP ON COMMODITIES MEETING AS WELL. NEW PLAYERS COULD ATTEND THESE MEETINGS AS APPROPRIATE TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH ISSUES AND PARTICIPANTS. KISSINGER

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